

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 12 October 2009.

Item 1. Chairperson Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1905 hours and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Dillard, Slagill, Bowen, Walls, Krickhahn, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Harris, Myrick, Hertel and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 12.
- Members Ulm and Vandover were absent, but excused. Seat 14 is vacant.
- No minutes from the previous meetings were available for review.
- There were no expense reimbursement requests.

Item 2. Announcements. Mary Manning announced that:

- Saturday, 17 October from 7:30 AM-2 PM, the Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council is sponsoring a “you haul” brush chipping service at 1049 Tavern Vista Way.
- Wednesday, 14 October, is designated as “Great American Shakeout,” a day for observing earthquake preparedness efforts; ideas and tips for preparedness can be reviewed at: <http://shakeout.org/>

Wally Riggs announced that:

- In addition to the Planning Group’s letter to the BIA concerning the Environmental Assessment for the Sycuan Tribe’s Fee to Trust application, Sweetwater Authority, Supervisor Diane Jacobs, Congressman Duncan Hunter and the County sent lengthy, strong letters of comment concerning the Tribe’s proposed action.

Item 3a. Open Forum.

- Kathy Chadwick, Crest, introduced herself to the Planning Group as the new Community Outreach Coordinator for the Conservation Biology Institution, explaining that she is responsible for developing and providing a liaison between local communities and the resource agencies (California Department of Fish and Game; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Bureau of Land Management) that have authority over protected areas such as the Crestridge Ecological Preserve, elements of the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge, and the Sycuan Peak-Sweetwater River Ecological Preserve; she explained that this position has evolved out of her work at Crestridge Preserve for the Earth Discovery Institute.
- Kandy Franklin-Collins, Crest, informed the Group that the County had provided a verbal approval for beginning the Crest fuel reduction project, and that new goats will be moved to the project site in a couple of weeks.

Item 3b. Group Forum.

- Mary Manning, Harbison Canyon, reported that Monday, 19 October, there will be a meeting at the Community Center concerning the beginning of fuel management activities in the Canyon; that Wednesday, 28 October at 6:30 PM at Alpine Elementary School there will be an open forum to discuss the Grossmont Unified School District’s plan to exclude children of families living in Harbison Canyon and Dehesa (Zip Code 92019) from attending the new high school being

built in Alpine; and that within the Grossmont Unified School District, its policies do not link a high school district to existing elementary and middle school districts.

Items 4/5a. Committee Reports: 2020 General Plan Steering Committee and Interest Group Update. No report.

Item 6a. Private Project Proposal. AD 09-0-45, Brooks Proposed Second Dwelling Unit, 1385 Gibson Highlands. Members Pat Ulm and Janet Dillard reviewed this proposed second dwelling unit project for the Planning Group. The area of this second dwelling (1,200 square feet) is 50% of the area of the main residence on the property, and administrative approval is required for a second dwelling that exceeds 30% of the area of the main dwelling. Surrounding adjacent neighbors were sent letters about the proposed project on 22 September, so the minimum 30-day response period has not been completed. The single bedroom second dwelling unit would be located at the back of the 2.67-acre lot, served by a 450' driveway, not visible from the front street, and in compliance with all standard setbacks. No grading is needed, and the second unit would be provided with a separate septic system.

Planning Group discussion centered on the need for all notified neighbors to be given the required minimum 30 days to respond to the letter informing them of the project. Chairperson Riggs decided this project should be tabled until the November meeting, when the project can be reconsidered with possible input from or about the informed neighbors.

Item 6b. Private Project Proposal. TPM 21008 RPL1, Walls Minor Subdivision, Notice of Intent to adopt a Negative Declaration. Planning Group member Lory Walls excused herself as a voting member of the Group, reducing the quorum to 11 for this agenda item. Chairperson Riggs reviewed for the Group that this proposed minor subdivision was brought before the Group about 18 months ago. The 72-acre parcel would be divided into four lots plus a remainder (46.4-acre; 8.2-acre; 8.2-acre; 5.3-acre; 4.1-acre), and a cumulative total of 20 acres of the original 72 acres would be dedicated open space. Mitigation for impacts to sensitive biological resources would be accomplished by purchase of a wetland piece and a coastal sage scrub piece in the Crestridge Preserve mitigation bank. The existing access road from Harbison Canyon Road, widened to fire department and County standards, utilizing an Arizona crossing for Harbison Canyon Creek, will serve all lots. Water will be provided by Padre Dam Water District. All lots will utilize septic systems.

Phil Hertel moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of TPM 21008 RPL1 as proposed. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 6c. Private Project Proposal. TM 5082, 95-046, Crestlake Project, request for time extension. Chairman Riggs explained that the applicant is seeking an 18 month time extension for completing the required Administrative Permit for lot area averaging, and that the end of this permit extension would then coincide with the expiration date of TM 5082. Chairman Riggs reminded the Group that this project has been considered many times during its evolution over the past 18 years.

Wally Riggs moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of the time extension requested for obtaining the Administrative Permit for lot area averaging needed for the Crestlake Project TM 5082, 95-046. The motion passed (10 yes; 1 no: Bretz; 1 abstain: Harris).

Item 7. Public Project Proposal. Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Project Priority List. Chairperson Riggs and the Group discussed the need for the Group to revise the PLDO project list, editing out non-compliant ineligible ideas, in order to provide County Department of Parks and Recreation an updated list of projects for the Subregion's parks for 2010. Riggs reminded the Group that only about \$50,000 remains in the Subregion's PLDO account.

Kandy Franklin-Collins informed the Group that she will not purchase liability insurance for the E-Crestrians, and therefore cannot complete the maintenance agreement for South Lane Park with the County, until the County provides assurances that the park is recognized as the Crest Community Secondary Emergency Evacuation Center, and that the park project will include a restroom facility.

Item 8. Unfinished Business. None.

Item 9. New Business. Request by Christina Seebold, Crest, for study of possible undergrounding San Diego Gas and Electric transmission lines. Chairperson Riggs introduced Christina Seebold, resident of Crest, who gave a presentation to the Group about the idea of undergrounding power lines in Crest. She informed the Group about San Diego Gas and Electric's recent undergrounding of power lines in Julian, and also near Escondido and Valley Center, said that SDG&E is willing to consider undergrounding in strategic areas of the County for reducing wildfire risk. She requested that the Planning Group joins in support with Friends of Crest and the Crest Community Association to encourage the County, SDG&E/Sempra and others to consider undergrounding electric lines to increase fire safety in Crest and the region.

Planning Group discussion centered on the unknown costs to homeowners that would result from undergrounding electric lines in Crest. Jason Harris suggested that this undergrounding project could be added to the Crest and Harbison Canyon community vision statements that will be included in the 2020 General Plan/Community Plans. Chairperson Riggs said he would call the Department of Planning and Land Use to make this addition to the Community Plans if possible.

Judy Bowen moved that the Planning Group approves sending a letter, based on the information provided by Cristina Seebold, to the County Board of Supervisors, San Diego Gas&Electric/Sempra, and others requesting that strategic electric transmission and distribution lines in the Subregion (beginning with those in Crest) be considered for undergrounding. The motion passed (10 yes; 2 no: Walls, Manning; 0 abstain).

Item 10. Adjournment. Phil Hertel moved adjournment at 2025 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, William L. Bretz (Secretary)